



INDIANA COMMISSION *for*  
HIGHER EDUCATION

# INCREASING COLLEGE READINESS

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# PURPOSE

- Ensure that students are academically, financially and socially prepared to succeed in college
- Eliminate time and money spent for remediation
- Reduce the risk of dropping out; increase college completion rates



# WHY IT MATTERS

- 23 percent of Indiana students are not academically prepared for college
- Remediation costs students and taxpayers an estimated \$78 million per year
- 3 in 10 bachelor's degree students do not graduate
- 8 in 10 associate degree students do not graduate



# INDIANA'S RESPONSE

- Scholar Success Program
  - Required for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholars starting with the class of 2017
  - Three activities per year help Scholars plan, prepare and pay for college

## 21st CENTURY SCHOLAR PLEDGE REQUIREMENTS

**As a 21st Century Scholar, you have taken the Scholar Pledge to meet the following requirements:**

- ✓ Complete the Scholar Success Program, which includes activities at each grade level in high school. The chart below shows all 12 activities that you must complete. The following pages provide instructions and resources to help you complete this year's requirements.
- ✓ Graduate from a state-accredited high school with a minimum of a Core 40 diploma and a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.0.
- ✓ Apply to an eligible Indiana college as a high school senior, and enroll in college as a full-time student within one year of high school graduation.
- ✓ Maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) standards established by your college.
- ✓ Complete 30 credit hours each year you are in college to stay on track toward earning your degree on time.



# INDIANA'S RESPONSE



The **Scholar Success Program** includes activities that will help you stay on track for college and career success.

## GRADE

## REQUIRED ACTIVITIES

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Create a  
Graduation Plan<sup>1</sup>

Participate in an  
Extracurricular or  
Service Activity

Watch  
"Paying for College 101"

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Take a Career  
Interests Assessment

Get Workplace  
Experience<sup>2</sup>

Estimate the  
Costs of College

11

Visit a College Campus

Take a College  
Entrance Exam  
(ACT/SAT)

Search for Scholarships<sup>3</sup>

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Submit Your  
College Application

Watch  
"College Success 101"

File Your FAFSA



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# KEY QUESTIONS

- Where do we find college readiness data for our part of the state?
- What can colleges do to help high school students be college ready?
- How can mentors help high school students be college ready?
- Is it possible for a high school to be specifically designed to ensure college readiness?





# Ivy 21 Scholars:

College Access and Success for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholars  
through the Scholar Success Program and beyond

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**THANK YOU!**

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